



GP/2653.
9/B
mDJ
11-21-02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

-----ooo:O:ooo-----

Application of :
Manabu OUMI et al. :
Serial No. 09/462,437 : Group Art Unit - 2653
Filed: May 16, 2000 : Examiner - Kimlien T. Le
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD : Docket No. S004-3848(PCT)

-----ooo:O:ooo-----

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, DC 20231

RECEIVED
NOV 21 2002
Technology Center 2600

RESPONSE

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2002, applicants amend their application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the Title of the Invention, insert the following new heading and paragraph:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a U.S. national stage application of copending International Application Serial No. PCT/JP99/02393 , filed on May 7, 1999 claiming a priority date of May 11, 1998, and published in a non-English language.--

MAILING CERTIFICATE
ON REVERSE SIDE
OF LAST PAGE

31

B